

# Import/Export Authorization

## Program Mission

The Office of Import/Export Authorization (OIEA) manages the regulatory review of natural gas imports and exports, exports of electricity, and the construction and operation of electric transmission lines which cross U.S. international borders. In addition, the program exercises regulatory oversight of the conversion of existing oil and gas-fired powerplants, processes exemptions from the statutory provisions of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended, and processes certifications of alternate fuel capability pursuant to the provisions of the amended FUA. These regulatory activities help promote the national energy strategy goal of securing future energy supplies by helping to ensure: the availability of reliable, competitively priced natural gas; that surplus domestic gas supplies can be marketed internationally in a competitive and environmentally sound manner; and that exports of electric energy and the construction of new international electric transmission lines do not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. The program promotes the use of alternate fuels in new baseload electric powerplants; and assures that international gas and electricity trade occurs in the freest possible marketplace. The OIEA's activities help deregulate energy markets and reduce international trade barriers, and to create an integrated North American energy market. OIEA encourages greater exchange of technical and regulatory information among our trading partners. Through its publications, OIEA increases public awareness of energy issues and the advantages of competition in the marketplace.

## Funding Profile

(dollars in thousands)

	FY 2002 Comp. Approp.	FY 2003 Request	FY 2004 Base	FY 2004 Request	FY 2004 Request vs. Base	
					\$ Change	% Change
Import/Export Authorization . . . . .	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$250	10.0%
Total, Import/Export Authorization . . .	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$250	10.0%

## Funding by Site

(dollars in thousands)

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	\$Change	%Change
All Other . . . . .	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$250	10.0%
Total, Import/Export Authorization . . . . .	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$250	10.0%

## Detailed Program Justification

(dollars in thousands)			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Import/Export Authorization</b> .....	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,750</b>
<b>■ Import/Export Authorization</b> ..... Modify or rescind 3 conversion orders. Process 50 certifications of coal capability and 3 exemptions. Process 220 gas import/export applications. Provide support for consultations with U.S. trading partners. Provide regulatory compliance and industry monitoring. Provide petroleum policy support for ASFE. Process 103 electricity export applications and 11 construction permits. Monitor and analyze international and domestic electricity trade. Participate in FERC proceedings, international studies, and trade negotiations. Perform NEPA compliance activities.  FY 2003 funding provided for activities to modify or rescind 3 conversion orders. Process 50 certifications of coal capability and 3 exemptions. Process 200 gas import/export applications. Provide support for consultations with U.S. trading partners. Provide regulatory compliance and industry monitoring. Provide petroleum policy support for ASFE. Process 100 electricity export applications and 10 construction permits. Monitor and analyze international and domestic electricity trade. Participate in FERC proceedings, international studies, and trade negotiations. Perform NEPA compliance activities. FY 2002 funding provided for activities to modify or rescind 3 conversion orders. Process 50 certifications of coal capability and 3 exemptions. Process 100 gas import/export applications. Provide support for consultations with U.S. trading partners. Provide regulatory compliance and industry monitoring. Provide petroleum policy support for ASFE. Process 50 electricity export applications and 5 construction permits. Monitor and analyze international and domestic electricity trade. Participate in FERC proceedings, international studies, and trade negotiations. Perform NEPA compliance activities.	2,300	2,400	2,630
<b>■ Program Support</b> .....	100	100	120
Fund technical and program management support.			
<b>Total, Import/Export Authorization</b> .....	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,750</b>

## Explanation of Funding Changes

	FY 2004 vs. FY 2003 (\$000)
<b>■ Increase in Import/Export Authorization due to an increase in the number of import/export applications, and construction permits processed</b> .....	250
<b>Total Funding Change</b> .....	<b>250</b>